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1. On 6 December 1954, Alfred Wunderlich, Deputy Minister and head of the Production Area for General Machine Construction in the East German Ministry for Machine Construction, in a conference with the leading employees of the Main Administration for Radio and Telecommunications Technology (HV RFT) of that Ministry, issued instructions concerning the participation of leading government employees in a propaganda campaign in East Germany based upon the results of the Moscow Conference of the Soviet Bloc countries. Wunderlich was assisted by Schmidt (fnu), acting head of HV RFT.

2. Wunderlich's instructions were:

- a. A number of selected government employees who are politically trusted were to visit all industrial enterprises under the jurisdiction of their respective Main Administrations during the week from 7 to 14 December 1954 and organize meetings with the personnel of the enterprises. The Moscow Conference and its importance were to be discussed at these meetings.
- b. These government employees were to make reports upon the meetings to their Ministries not later than 15 December 1954.
- c. In these meetings the following topics were to be particularly stressed:
 - (1) The necessity of defending the German Democratic republic "without creating a war psychosis".
 - (2) The statement of Marshal Vassilievsky to Field Marshal Sir Viscount Montgomery.
 - (3) The elimination of pacifist tendencies in accordance with the Stalin statement: "We do not condemn war but we condemn unjust wars".

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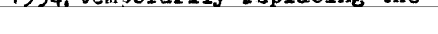
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- d. One of the main purposes of the discussions with the workers was to find out their attitude toward the establishment of obligatory military service in East Germany after the ratification of the Paris Agreements. The government employees organizing the discussions were to report whether the workers actually want the quick establishment of an East German army or whether the time is not yet ripe.

 Comment. Schmidt, former manager of VEB Funkwerk Erfurt, was appointed to this post in mid-October 1954, temporarily replacing the former head of HV RFT, Adolf Hegemann 

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- d. One of the main purposes of the discussions with the workers was to find out their attitude toward the establishment of obligatory military service in East Germany after the ratification of the Basic Agreements. The government employees conducting the discussions were to report on whether the workers actually want the introduction of an East German conscription system or whether the time is not yet ripe.

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